

STATE BOARD OF STOCK INSPECTION

Wednesday, July 20, 2016

Conference Call

Members Present: Daniel McCarty, President; Marla Rock, Vice-President; David Mendenhall, Secretary-Treasurer; Kory Kessinger, Board Member; Kathie Riley, Board Member.


Staff Present: Chris Whitney, Brand Commissioner; Cara Wells, Colorado Brand Board; Brenda Pierce, Colorado Brand Board.


Guests Present: Billy Seiber, Attorney General's Office; Kellee Mitchell, Colorado Livestock Association; Drew Carlson, Colorado Livestock Association.


The meeting was called to order by Board President Dan McCarty requesting approval of the June 14, 2016 meeting minutes. Marla Rock entered a motion for the minutes to be approved as presented. Kathie Riley seconded motion. Motion carried.


ESTRAYS

On July 31, 2014 Delta District Brand Inspector Steve Seely held the proceeds of sale, \$2,706.95, for proof of ownership on

two black heifers branded  left hip consigned by Hidden Valley Ranch and Cattle Co. Inc. of 1724 Highway 50 Delta, CO 81416 at Delta Sales Yard. Doug Frazier for Hidden Valley Ranch & Cattle Co. Inc. is claiming ownership of the animals in question and requesting release of the funds. Mr. Frazier has sent this office Colorado Brand Inspection Certificate number B842733 dated May 7, 2014 showing Hidden Valley Ranch c/o Doug Frazier of Delta, CO as purchaser of 17 black heifers

branded  left hip purchased from Todd Tagtmeyer. Based on the evidence presented David Mendenhall made a motion to release the funds, \$2,706.95, less \$20.00 per head (\$2,666.95), per Colorado Revised Statute to Hidden Valley Ranch Cattle Co. Inc. of 1724 Highway 50 Delta, CO 81416. Kory Kessinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

On February 23, 2016 Denver District Brand Inspector Daniel Moody investigated 1 black heifer branded  left hip as an estray. The animal in question was advertised and sold per Colorado Revised Statute. Mr. Larry Hill of P O Box 37 Franktown, CO 80116 is claiming ownership of the animal in question and requesting release of the funds. Mr. Hill has sent this office Colorado Brand Inspection Certificate number B938820 dated 10-28-15 showing Larry or Jeff Hill as purchasers

of two black heifers branded  left hip purchased from Sarah Parker of Castle Rock, Colorado. Based on the evidence presented David Mendenhall made a motion to release the funds, \$706.63, less \$20.00 per head (\$686.63), per Colorado Revised Statute to Larry or Jeff Hill P O Box 37 Franktown, CO 80116. Marla Rock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financials were presented to the Board. There was a brief discussion on certain income and expense items. It was explained that there are timing issues when certain payments are made and charges received year to year. We are also still waiting on final June payroll figures for full and part-time employees.

Chris Whitney reported that as of June 2016 there were fourteen employees with between 140 and 200 hours of comp time and four employees with between 201 and 240 hours of comp time. The comp time balance decreased by 121.24 hours from the May 2016 balance. Commissioner Whitney has spoken with supervisors about comp time balances and expects that high balances will be reduced over the next several months leading up to the Fall run. We have heard from one certified feedlot operator concerning the review of the Certified Feedlot Rule. The feedlot operator did not request any changes or make any suggestions. Bill Hammerich, Colorado Livestock Association, will schedule a meeting with Commissioner Whitney and share any feedback he has received on the Certified Feedlot Rule. The rule making hearing will be this fall. All agencies involved in the Hayden Pass Fire worked well together and was an example of the Colorado Emergency Management system working as it was intended. Dennis Kuehl, Bill Scebbi, Jerry Black, Colorado Department of Agriculture Deputy Commissioner Chris Wiseman, Brand Commissioner Chris Whitney and others had a meeting concerning whether micro-chipping horses should replace brand inspection. Commissioner Whitney explained the Board's position on this matter and explained to those in attendance that the Brand Board is going to equip brand inspectors with microchip readers and the information from the microchips will be recorded on inspection certificates and used to help determine an animal's chain of ownership. However, microchipping will not replace brand inspection requirements currently in statute.

Cara Wells reported that West Central Inspection Area Supervisor Art Flynn retired June 30, 2016. Supervisor Dennis Williams will transfer to the West Central Inspection Area. Deb Vernon was appointed supervisor of the South Central Inspection Area to replace Mr. Williams. Springfield District Brand Inspector Dirk Davis will transfer to Trinidad District. No current employees requested a transfer to the Springfield District so we will announce for a new hire in that district. Greeley District Brand Inspector Debbie Veltri will retire October 1, 2016 with 40 years' experience. No current employees requested a transfer to the Greeley District so we will announce for a new hire in the Greeley District. Interviews for the Limon District are scheduled for Friday, July 22, 2016 in Brush, Colorado. Mike Herrick is back to work after being out on FML. Brand Inspector Cory Crow has applied for a new brand. We were unable to issue any of his choices so a similar brand, with the Board's approval, will be sent to him for his approval. It is Brand Board policy that all new brand requests from employees be approved by the Board. After reviewing the new brand application and research Kory Kessinger made a motion to approve the new brand request for Cory Crow. Kathie Riley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were seven certified feedlot audits completed and paperwork submitted since the May 2016 Board meeting. Audit 6 is off 37 head. All other audits balanced to zero. Seventeen Certified Feedlots have renewed their feedlots for the Certified Feedlot program for the next year.

Chris Whitney reported that the tablets are on order and the next installment of these will be distributed in August. The printers have also been ordered.

No Alternative Livestock certificates were written in the month of May 2016.

Tom McLeod of Crawford, CO has submitted a request to expand his licensed alternative livestock facility E-137 by 160 acres and has also requested a variance from the double fence/barrier requirement. The Elk Data Analysis Unit E52 CWD prevalence rate is <1% for this area. The Game Management Unit number is 63. Brand Inspector, Randy Shetley, has visited the facility and approved the new expansion portion of Mr. McLeod's perimeter fence. As of July 5, 2016 this office has not received a response from Division of Wildlife Manager, Stuart Sinclair. Section 34-41.5-106(2)(d) of the Colorado Revised Statutes requires that Colorado Parks & Wildlife's recommendation be received by the Brand Board no later than thirty days (June 16, 2016) following receipt by the Board of Mr. McLeod's request. Mr. McLeod's facility was first licensed in 1998, is approximately 2,200 acres and is not double fenced. Marla Rock made a motion to approve Tom McLeod's expansion plan and the request for the double fence variance for this facility. David Mendenhall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DISTRIBUTION OF INSPECTION DATA AND LITERATURE TO BOARD MEMBERS:

- (a) Volume of Estrays Handled Monthly
- (b) New Brands, Transfers, and Delinquent Assessments Paid

The Board would like to see the Brand Assessment notice and have an opportunity to provide input, if necessary, on wording. We will supply a colored self-addressed envelope for brand owner's to use to send in their payment.

ESTRAY FUND:

In June 2016 \$814.24 was deposited into the Estray Fund. \$770.15 was for proceeds of sale on four head of cattle, horses and/or sheep. \$44.09 was for interest received on certificates of deposit. Two certificates of deposit matured during the month of June. The new interest rates are 0.10% and 0.40%.

Motion by Kathie Riley that the next meeting be held on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 commencing at 8:30 a.m. at 305 Interlocken Parkway Broomfield, CO 80221. Seconded by Kory Kessinger. Motion carried.

Motion by David Mendenhall that this meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Kathie Riley. Motion carried.



President



Secretary/Treasurer

REPORT OF ESTRAYS HELD AND PROCEEDS DEPOSITED

May 2016 Deposits

INSPECTOR	DESCRIPTION	ADVERTISED/ SALE BARN HOLD	WHOM TAKEN FROM OR REPORTED BY	AMOUNT HELD
Buhr, Dan	1 black cow AAV lr	Advertised	Apache Park Livestock Richard Sears Hartsel, CO	\$1,825.00
Easthouse, Jim	1 black steer //N lh	Sale Barn	Misty Torres Holyoke, CO	\$1,136.58
Easthouse, Jim	1 sorrel mare no brand	Sale Barn	Sherrie Sellmer Berthoud, CO	\$285.00
Seat, Terry	1 black cow T 3 rr R 652 lh	Advertised	R J Jolly Kit Carson, CO	\$967.67
Zimmerman, Mark	1 black bull no brand	Advertised	Brad Kembel Ft Morgan, CO	\$1,886.74
Bramwell, Jim	1 brown John mule no brand	Advertised	Alan Higgins Arboles, CO	\$5.66
Seat, Tead	1 red hfr X rh	Advertised	Ross Morris Idalia, CO	\$191.28
Burris, Steve	1 sorrel gelding no brand	Advertised	Wade Wilson Sanford, CO	\$65.53